

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 Sep ..... Hebrews 1:1-14 ..... Who Is Jesus?
- 2) 14 Sep ..... Hebrews 2:1-13 ..... Pay Attention
- 3) 21 Sep ..... Hebrews 2:14-18 ..... Why One of Us?
- 4) 28 Sep ..... Hebrews 3:1-19 ..... Watch Out!
- 5) 05 Oct ..... Hebrews 4-5 ..... Secured with Confidence
- 6) 12 Oct ..... Hebrews 6:1-20 ..... Don't Walk Away
- 7) 19 Oct ..... Hebrews 7:1-28 ..... Only Jesus Saves
- 8) 26 Oct ..... Hebrews 8:1-13 ..... Only Jesus Transforms
- 9) 02 Nov ..... Hebrews 9:1-28 ..... The Perfect Offering
- 10) 09 Nov ..... Hebrews 10-11 ..... Faith Defined**
- 11) 16 Nov ..... Hebrews 12:1-17 ..... The Discipline of Suffering
- 12) 23 Nov ..... Hebrews 12:18-29 ..... A New Kind of Community
- 13) 30 Nov ..... Hebrews 13:1-25 ..... Living Out the Faith

INTRODUCTION

- How do we challenge people to love and to produce good works?
- What does real faith look like in action? Who's got it TODAY?

Passage	Comments
Hebrews 10:1-18	<p><b>The Law Cannot Finish the Task</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-2. The Law (only a shadow of good things to come → Grace) cannot make anyone perfect. If it did, then we would not need Christ</li> <li>• "Those who <b>draw near</b>" refer to those who honestly seek God. The author uses the term "<b>draw near</b>" 5x in this great book                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heb 4:16 <i>Let's draw near w/ confidence to the throne of grace</i></li> <li>2. Heb 7:19 <i>We draw near to God with a better hope</i></li> <li>3. Heb 7:25 <i>He saves forever those who draw near to God</i></li> <li>4. Heb 10:1 <i>Those who draw near to the Law seek perfection</i></li> <li>5. Heb 10:22 <i>We are to draw near with a sincere heart in faith</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>• BUT we must first be willing to <b>draw near</b>. This is best summed up in <b>Jms 4:8</b> "<i>We draw near to God for Him to draw near to us</i>"</li> <li>• vv3-4. OT sacrifices were to be a constant reminder of our need for a permanent solution to remove our sins once for all</li> <li>• vv5-17. The author proceeds to hammer home the point again and again that Christ was that perfect sacrifice</li> <li>• ? Why does the author of Hebrews often repeat the same message several times? Does he think we are slow learners?</li> <li>• v11. The Levitical priests always stood since work was never finished</li> <li>• v12. Jesus is sitting down because His sacrifice is complete</li> <li>• v18. If there is [total] forgiveness there is no need for sin offerings</li> </ul>
10:19-25	<p><b>A New and Living Way</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv19-23. We have confidence to "<b>draw near</b>" to God directly                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before, only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies once each year. Anybody else was struck down.</li> <li>• Now, the pressure is off. Because Christ's sacrifice was perfect and complete, we don't have to be scared or intimidated about seeking God's help in time of need</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v24. ?How do we stimulate love and good works?</li> <li>• v25. ?For those who establish a habit to forsake going to church to worship, serve, study, pray, and fellowship, how do we encourage them to get involved?</li> </ul>
10:26-39	<p><b>Substantiated Faith vs Absolute Faith vs Blind Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv26-31. If we as true believers go on sinning deliberately – there is no mechanism to make continued sacrifices, only judgment                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v28. Similar to the Law, there was no sacrifice for murder or other deliberate or capital sins. The guilty died without mercy</li> <li>• vv29-31. Deliberate and continuous sin for a true child of God does not mean a loss of salvation, but "severe discipline" since the Lord has the right to correct or "judge" His children</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv32-39. The rest of us are not of those who shrink back to destruction as a dog returns to its vomit, but who persevere                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v34. These Christians were to "REMEMBER the former days" when things were rougher and yet they joyfully endured even the loss of their homes. How can we be joyful with such losses?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11:1-3, 6	<p><b>What is Faith and What Does it Look Like?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. Faith is NOT FACT – Faith is NOT Blind – Faith is NOT Permanent. Faith, like Hope, is temporal during our earthly existence. Only LOVE is eternal. Faith will one day be Fact, and Hope will be realized</li> <li>• v2. By Faith we receive God's approval – though we might not receive what is promised in our life time (Heb 11:39), BUT we will receive the crown of life promised to those who love God....James 1:12 <b>For Example:</b> We might pray for a wayward child, but they may not come to Christ till after we pass on</li> <li>• v3. By Faith we understand that God created and sustains everything from subatomic particles to vast galaxies with just His word – Our scientific knowledge only goes so far</li> </ul>

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11:4-37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enoch</b>. We don't know what he did</li> <li>• <b>Noah</b>. He was tough for 120 years. Then he gets drunk &amp; naked</li> <li>• <b>Abraham</b>. He got his wife's maid pregnant?</li> <li>• <b>Sarah</b>. She gave her maid to Abraham.</li> <li>• <b>Isaac</b>. He played favorites w/ his kids</li> <li>• <b>Jacob</b>. A big time deceiver</li> <li>• <b>Moses</b>. He was a murderer</li> <li>• <b>Rahab</b>. She was a saloon girl</li> <li>• <b>Gideon</b>. He kept putting out fleeces</li> <li>• <b>Barak</b>. He went to battle if Deborah went</li> <li>• <b>Samson</b>. He had lust &amp; anger issues</li> <li>• <b>Jephthah</b>. He made a rash vow and his daughter paid for it</li> <li>• <b>David</b>. A murderer, a liar, an adulterer – but a man after God's own heart</li> <li>• <b>Samuel</b>. He was not a good parent</li> <li>• <b>Other Prophets (e.g. Daniel, Elijah)</b></li> </ul>
Look Who Is Listed, and What They Did, and What Their Faith Achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v33. They conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,</li> <li>• v34. They quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.</li> <li>• 35a. Women got back their dead by resurrection;</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Abel</b>. Murdered</li> <li>• <b>Joseph</b>. Jailed</li> <li>• <b>Moses' Parents</b> kept Moses hidden</li> <li>• <b>Other prophets</b> who suffered for their faith (e.g., Elisha, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Joel, Zechariah, Malachi, and John the Baptist.)</li> <li>• v35b. Others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;</li> <li>• v36. Others experienced mockings and scourgings, chains and imprisonment.</li> <li>• v37. They were stoned (<b>Zechariah</b>), sawn in two (<b>Isaiah</b>), they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins (<b>Elijah/Elisha</b>), being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated</li> <li>• v38 They wandered in deserts &amp; mountains &amp; caves &amp; holes in the ground.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>What Did Most of These People Of Faith Have in Common?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They were just like us at times – Lustful, not thinking with an eternal perspective, scared, doubtful, had a lot of baggage, rash, selfish, deceptive, and imperfect in many other ways</li> <li>• Using people like them and us shows what a mighty God we serve who can take what little faith we have and do big things</li> </ul>
11:39-40	<p><b>They Had Faith, But Did Not Receive What Was Promised</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v39s. They "<i>gained approval</i>" – IOW, They pleased God                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So, what was promised? A perfect solution for our sin nature that allowed us to have bold, confident access to God</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v40. They (OT Saints) had the promises and we (NT Saints) have "something better" – the fulfillment of those promises (The Cross, the Holy Spirit, and the mystery of the Church)                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's plan of redemption is now fully known and complete, making them and us "perfect" &amp; ready for Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming to culminate the plan for all of mankind</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

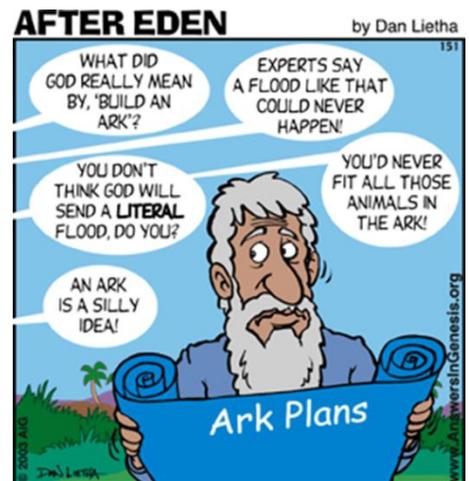
CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / BENEFITS

- Truly, God is no respecter of persons. If God can use them to accomplish great things for His Kingdom, then He can certainly use us

NEXT WEEK:

Hebrews 12:1-17.

Another indicator of our salvation is God's continued right as our Heavenly Father to discipline His children as and when needed; and FINALLY after 11 chapters – The author finishes his discourse of what we need to know at the 40,000 foot level, and now he is about to show us how to take that good knowledge and minister at the street level



By FAITH, Noah saved his family – and us...(Hebrews 11:7)